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- **♦ AUTHORITATIVE**
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- **♦ Totally Democratic**
- **♦** Laissez-faire

## **Teacher Words & Actions Can Convey:**

- **♦** Integrity
- **♦** Sincerity
- **♦** Concern for individual welfare
- **♦** Concern for group welfare
- ◆ Positive attitudes/expectations about each student's learning potential
- ♦ Willingness and ability to cooperate with each student, a "zero reject" policy

## **Teacher With An Authoritative Style**

- ♦ Speaks as an experienced, mature adult
- ♦ Retains ultimate decision-making power
- ♦ Unlike authoritarian style
  - **▶** Solicits input
  - ► Seeks consensus
  - ► Sees that everyone is clear on rationales for decisions as well as decisions themselves

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